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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution providing for a temporary amnesty program waiving first-time pet licensing fee and late penalty fee for an expired pet license from June 24, 2022 through August 23, 2022.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of May 24, 2022, this office has prepared and submits the above described Resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By: 
Anita Lakhani
Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY AMNESTY PROGRAM WAIVING FIRST-TIME PET LICENSING FEE AND LATE PENALTY FEE FOR AN EXPIRED PET LICENSE FROM JUNE 24, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2022

WHEREAS, in the City of Long Beach (“City”), pursuant to Long Beach Municipal Code Section 6.08.010, pet owners responsible for dogs and cats over the age of four months old are required to obtain an annual pet license from the city, which the pet must carry via a collar or microchip implant; and

WHEREAS, a failure to secure or renew a dog or cat license within sixty (60) days is a violation subject to a late penalty fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30) under Long Beach Municipal Code Section 6.08.040; and

WHEREAS, the current license fees for dogs and cats are \$28 and \$12, respectively, and the penalty fee for an expired license adds \$15 to the aforementioned annual license fee; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), supports cities throughout the country to support the development of viable urban communities by expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, per HUD, “low and moderate income” refers to households whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the county median income, adjusted for family or household size; and

WHEREAS, in a 2021 survey from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) found that pet owners expressed worries over financial

1 security and ability to adequately care for their animals; and

2 WHEREAS, a temporary amnesty for late penalty pet licensing fees and a
3 waiver for first-time pet licensees in CDBG designated areas in the City would remove a
4 financial hurdle for our low- and moderate-income residents, encourage residents to
5 acquire pet licenses, allow Animal Care Services to collect licensing fees it may have never
6 received if not for the program, and ensure more pets throughout the City are able to be
7 returned to owners, if lost.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
9 follows:

10 Section 1. The Animal Care Services Bureau shall develop and administer
11 a temporary amnesty program for the waiver of a first-time pet license fee and late penalty
12 fee for an expired pet license for residents in City's designated CDBG areas, provided in
13 Attachment A, beginning Friday, June 24 to Tuesday, August 23rd of this calendar year.

14 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
15 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

